



SEAHDC shares exciting news!

OCTOBER

Rett Syndrome Awareness
Month

National Spina Bifida Aware-
ness Month

Down Syndrome Awareness
Month

Breast Cancer Awareness
Month

10/5 Child Health Day

10/7 World Cerebral Palsy
Day

10/15 White Cane Safety Day

10/16 Boss's Day

10/31 Halloween



Groundbreaking that was held at SEAHDC for the new recreational building. The ceremony was held on September 15th.



Herb Carey with the Elks of Arkansas presented SEAHDC Assistant Superintendent Dana Harvey with their annual donation. Pictured on the left is DHS Program Specialist Star Lattimore and on the right, SEAHDC Business Manager Katherine Harris.

AHDC shares clients' pictures and time capsule reburial to be opened on the 100 year anniversary!



Tessa Olvera, Residential Operations Manager, received a \$100 check from the Volunteer Council for referring someone to work in Residential Services homes. The person referred must complete their 6-month probationary period and still be employed.



Clients working in craft trades, painting, making wreaths, preparing pine cones to be dipped in wax. These items are being made to be sold at the Blue Umbrella.



Clients: Willie Whisenhunt and Tanasia Manuel helped to rebury the time capsule to be opened in 2068. Due to the condition of the ground and trying to seal elements out, it had been postponed.

Rett Syndrome— A mother's passion

Jessica Williams is an LPN at CHDC (Conway Human Development Center). She is the guest writer for October's edition of DDSPEAKS. Below is her passion in her own words.

I have lived in Arkansas all of my 34 years. I am in the process of raising children in Vilonia. I have three children; our youngest daughter has a rare neurological syndrome called Rett Syndrome. I've worked for the state for a year. My objective is to spread awareness. We must continue our efforts in bringing awareness to the medical community, pharmaceutical industry, researchers, therapists, teachers, caregivers, and the general public as well. We must have funding available for reserachers who are dedicated in finding a cure for Rett Syndrome. We support this shared mission now more than ever, and together, progress will continue until there is a world without Rett Syndrome.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://rettsyndrome-personalpages.everydayhero.com/us/MorriganMarvelerifficMemoir/wizard/share>



What to do during an Earthquake:



Shake Out

Register at www.ShakeOut.org

International ShakeOut Day is always the third Thursday of October (this year: October 15). Have a plan for work, home, school, and church. It's a good idea to practice earthquake safety in different situations each year. The New Madrid Faultline runs through Arkansas. Make preparations now.

From DHS Office of Communications & Community Engagement



Every year, we do Halloween BIG at DHS! But with the on-going public health emergency, things will be different in 2020. Here's what you need to know:

1. At Central office, we will not host an in-person event for children at local schools, children in foster care, and children and grandchildren of employees.
2. Instead, divisions and shared services staff in central office will be putting together goody bags for the students at our local partner in education school, Bale Elementary, that will be delivered the week of Halloween. (More details to come on this later)
3. County office staff are welcome to also do goody bags in their local communities.

Costumes are encouraged on Oct. 30! We'll host a costume contest – county office staff you can participate virtually! – for the best individual and group costumes. More details to come on this soon!

Stay Vigilant!



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